



Fugitive Safe Surrender Program A Success



Nashville's *Fugitive Safe Surrender* Program proved to be an overwhelming success. A total of 561 persons peacefully and voluntarily surrendered themselves at Galilee Baptist Church between August 1st- 4th.

Saturday saw the highest daily total of the four days, as 237 individuals walked into the church to address the outstanding charges against them.

"The logistics of turning Galilee Church into a fully functioning booking room and courthouse was a phenomenal undertaking," Chief Ronal Serpas said. "This program could not have succeeded without the

strong mutual trust and respect between law enforcement and Nashville's clergy."

Fugitive Safe Surrender began to take shape in Nashville, Tennessee, in February 2007, when Denny W. King, United States Marshal for the Middle District of Tennessee, met with Metro Nashville Police Chief Ronal Serpas, Bishop George Price, and Pastor Michael Joyner. The partners agreed almost immediately that Nashville would become a *Fugitive Safe Surrender* city. Although the United States Marshals Service has conducted four successful FSS operations, no city has built a program so quickly.

Pastor William R. Harris of the Galilee Missionary Baptist Church at 2021 Herman Street in Nashville enthusiastically agreed to serve as the faith-based leader and

host of Nashville's *Fugitive Safe Surrender*.

With the diligent efforts of Reverend Joyner, over 100 volunteers from diverse churches and backgrounds were recruited to serve their community during this four-day surrender period. Bishop Price of the Interdenominational Ministers Fellowship drew in broad support from ministers across Davidson County. Every church hearing of the program committed its enthusiastic support to Tennessee's first *Fugitive Safe Surrender*.

Chief Serpas and United States Marshal Denny King, thanked the Interdenominational Ministers Fellowship, a full partner in the Safe Surrender effort, which arranged for more than 100 smiling volunteers to help staff the program. Most of the volunteers worked each of the four days.

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Governor Signs "Crooks With Gun" Bill



On July 19, Governor Bredesen signed into law SB-1967, the "Crooks with Guns" bill, during a bill signing ceremony at the state

Capitol. The bill was designed to create two new criminal offenses related to employing a firearm during the commission of a felony and revises certain restrictions on handgun possession. Under this law, these new offenses are punishable by mandatory sentences of 3 to 10 years. During the ceremony, the governor was surrounded by

MNPD Chief Serpas and other members of law enforcement, and other key stakeholders who were instrumental in getting the law passed. The governor thanked those who had been strong advocates for this legislation and praised them for their efforts to protect Tennesseans from violence.

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South Precinct

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Fugitive Safe Surrender (from page 1)

"I know it's going to be a good feeling knowing I don't have to always worry about getting pulled over, or worry about who's knocking on the door, or be in the car with someone and worry about running 'cause they get pulled over," "Now I don't have to go through all that."

- Harold Waters speaking on his probation violation warrant (City Paper)

Chief Serpas and Marshal King also credited the following individuals with making Safe Surrender possible by providing crucial staffing: District Attorney General Torry Johnson and his staff of prosecutors; Public Defender Ross Alderman and his staff of attorneys; Judges from the Criminal & General Sessions Courts; Criminal Court Clerk David Torrence and his staff; Davidson County Sheriff Daron Hall and his staff; Tennessee Board of Probation and Parole staff.

"Nashville is the fifth city in

the nation to host *Fugitive Safe Surrender* and put its program together faster than any other city," Marshal King said. "After four long days, I am extremely pleased with the results. The 4,000th person from the five cities involved in this program surrendered in Nashville."

The daily surrender tally was: Wednesday-94, Thursday-92, Friday-138, and Saturday-237. Of the 561 people surrendering, only seven percent (38 individuals) were arrested due to the seriousness of their charges. Twenty percent of

the 561 (115 individuals) had outstanding felony matters.

Fugitive Safe Surrender was being promoted by a series of public service announcements (PSAs) on Nashville television stations. Comcast Spotlight produced the PSA that features Chief Serpas, General Johnson, Pastor Harris, and other clergy from Nashville. PSAs are also being broadcast through ClearChannel Radio stations, WVOL radio, and WSNG gospel radio. Billboards are featured by Lamar Outdoor Advertising.

MNPD Honor Guard Wins Championship



The Metropolitan Police Department's Drill and Ceremony Team was judged National Champion at the fifth annual Honor Guard Competition in Washington, D.C.

The event, which is sponsored by the Grand Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police, involved 21 drill and

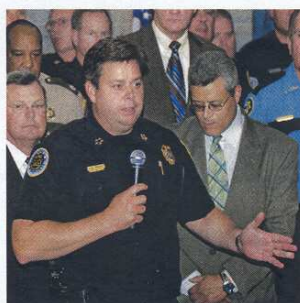
ceremony teams from across the United States and Canada. The teams gathered at John Marshall Plaza on Pennsylvania Avenue this morning to demonstrate their precision in three tasks, the team inspection drill, posting of the colors, and exhibition. The Nashville Police Department's team took top hon-

ors.

"Our Drill and Ceremony Team is the best because of the dedication, hard work and pride of each member," Chief Ronal Serpas said. "It is particularly fitting that our team showcased its precision and skill in Washington at the beginning of National Police Week, the time each

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MNPD Chief Serpas speaks at bill signing at the State Capitol

MNPD Chief commented "This significant legislation is becoming law thanks in no small part to the men and women of this department who have steadfastly increased their efforts to hold criminals accountable for victimizing Nashville's families and visitors. I also thank our commanders, community coordinating sergeants, and staff of the

Strategic Development Division for putting in front of our community the incredible data we have uncovered about repeat offenders and their impact on our city's criminal justice system." This law also includes that the mandatory minimum sentences ranges depending on the defendant's record and are NOT eligible for pretrial diversion, probation,

community correction or any other form of supervised/unsupervised release. They also must be served consecutively to sentences for any other offenses. Persons convicted under this law are NOT eligible for parole until they have served at 85% of the minimum mandatory sentences.



May Patrol Officer Of The Month

During the month of May, there were a number of commercial burglaries along a 1-mile stretch of Nolensville Pk. On May 18 around 4 am, a business was burglarized. As in the previous burglaries, the suspect threw a rock through the front glass door. In this burglary, \$150 was taken from the cash register. Officer Ryan Coe responded to the area and spotted an individual walking

a few blocks away from the scene. Officer Coe stopped and detained subject. The subject had cuts on his hands and glass shards in his hair and clothing. Officer Coe established a good rapport with the subject and he soon admitted to the crime. The suspect also had an outstanding warrant on file for...guess what? Burglary! The suspect also had prior arrests for..., yes, you guess it, burglary!

Due to Officer Hartley's alertness and attention to detail, he was able to locate, stop, and arrest the suspect that had cleared a number of burglaries. This example of vigilant work reflects greatly upon Officer Coe and the Metro Nashville Police Department and the South Precinct is proud to present the Officer of the Month Award for May, 2007 to Officer Ryan Coe.



June Patrol Officer Of The Month

While responding to a traffic accident, Officer John (Mike) Harrell observed a male subject physically assaulting a female victim inside a vehicle at a convenience store on Old Hickory Blvd. Officer Harrell stopped & investigated that the victim was being kidnapped by the suspect. The suspect became combative and a short scuffle ensued between the suspect

& Officer Harrell. During this altercation, Officer Harrell injured his knee, and the suspect fled into a nearby wooded area. But, with backup enroute, Officer Harrell radioed the suspect description and the suspect was caught a nearby creek. The suspect also had outstanding warrants for order of protection and kidnapping of the same victim.

Officer Harrell's conscientious initiative and observation skills led to the arrest of the kidnapping suspect. The South Precinct is proud to present the Officer of the Month Award for June, 2007 to Officer John Harrell.



July Patrol Officer Of The Month

On July 3rd, Officer Ken Alexandrow responded to a suicidal person call. A female was threatening to jump off I-24W overpass onto Bell Rd below. After speaking to the victim, information was obtained that showed that the victim was upset over a failed relationship. The victim had come to this location to end her life. She had gone over the retaining wall on the

ledge of the bridge, and was in a very precipitous position. While other officers were talking with the victim to calm her down and to try and get her to move to a point of safety, Officer Alexandrow was able to take a position behind the victim. As the talks continued, the victim refused to move to a position of safety. As her attention was diverted, Officer Alex-

androw was able to get into close enough to the victim and with his sergeant signal, Officer Alexandrow grabbed the victim and preventing the victim from hurling herself onto unsuspecting motorists on Bell Rd. The South Precinct is proud to present the Officer of the Month Award for July, 2007 to Officer Kenneth Alexandrow.





El Protector Unveils New Logo



Glencliff High School student Naillet Perez poses with South Precinct Commander Lankford (left) and Police Chief Serpas (right) with her winning design.

The Metro Police Department's El Protector Program, which strives to provide crime information and build trust with Nashville's Latino community, will unveil its new logo on July 11 during a celebration in the South Precinct's community room.

The logo, which was created by Glencliff High School student Naillet Perez during art class competition, will appear on all El Protector printed materials. Chief Serpas and members of the

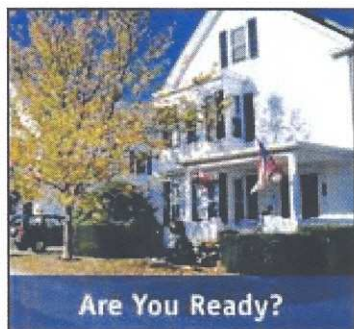
community-based El Protector Board of Directors will present Perez with \$200. Germany Butler, whose El Protector drawing came in second, will receive \$150. Danielle Ogle, the third place artist, will receive \$100.

Officers Juan Borges (South Precinct) and Rafael Fernandez (Hermitage Precinct) are dedicated to the El Protector program, which began in 2004. Both are fluent in Spanish and regularly attend Latino community

meetings as well as make frequent appearances on Hispanic radio stations.



September is National Preparedness Month



During September, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the National Preparedness Month Coalition will urge all Americans to take some simple steps to make themselves and their families better prepared for emergencies including:

Get a Kit - Get a kit of emergency supplies that will allow you and your family to survive for at least three days in the event an emergency happens. The kit should include basic items like water, food, battery-powered radio, flashlight and a first aid kit. Go to www.ready.gov for a complete list of recommended

supplies.

Make a Plan - Plan in advance what you and your family will do in an emergency. Your plan should include a communications plan and address sheltering-in-place and evacuation. Go to www.ready.gov for more information and templates to help get you started.

Be Informed - Learn more about different threats that could affect your community and appropriate responses to them. Go to www.ready.gov for more information about natural disasters and potential terrorist threats and visit www.ready.gov for more information about the

emergency plans that have been established in your area.

Get Involved - After preparing yourself and your family for possible emergencies, take the next step: get training in first aid and emergency response and get involved in preparing your community. Citizen Corps provides residents with opportunities to prepare, train and support local emergency responders. For more information or to get involved visit www.citizencorps.gov to find your local Citizen Corps council.

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Preventing Senior Telemarketing Fraud

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Many legitimate companies and charities solicit consumers by phone and consider it an effective way to raise money or increase company business. Unfortunately, others are simply up to no good. We at the National Crime Prevention Council believe seniors can prevent telemarketing fraud by being educated consumers.

According to the FTC, nearly 25 million Americans are victims of consumer fraud each year. Sen-

ior citizens continue to be a rapidly increasing segment of the population, and that makes them a prime target for con artists and thieves. Americans who are 65 or older represent about 13 percent of our country's population, and their population will only continue to grow as the Baby Boomer generation begins to enter that age range.

Studies have shown that senior citizens are more at risk to be targeted by telemarketing scams than other age groups, and fraudulent telemarketers direct anywhere from 56 to 80 percent of their calls at older Americans. These con artists believe

that senior citizens are vulnerable and more susceptible to their tricks. However, NCPC is helping many seniors to be shrewd and savvy citizens by keeping these tips in mind:

Offers too good to be true usually are. Ask to receive the "unbelievable deal" or the "amazing prize offer" in writing so you can read it carefully before making a commitment.

Never give out your personal information over the phone or Internet unless you have initiated the contact. Legitimate business callers will never ask you for this information over the phone.



Story & Photo from the National Crime Prevention Council Website.

Neighborhood Safety

Unfortunately no neighborhood is completely immune to crime. However, there are steps you can take to help keep your family and your neighborhood safe.

- **Know where your children are.** Have your children tell you or ask permission before leaving the house and give them a time to check in or be home. When possible, have them leave a phone number of where they will be.
- **Help children learn important phone numbers.** Have your children practice reciting their home phone number and address, and your work

and cell phone numbers. If they have trouble memorizing these, write them down on a card and have them carry it at all times. Tell your children where you will be and the best way to reach you.

- **Set limits on where your children can go in your neighborhood.** Do you want them crossing busy roads? Playing in alleys or abandoned buildings? Are there certain homes in your neighborhood that you don't want your children to go to?
- **Get to know your children's friends.** Meet their par-

ents before letting your children to go to their home and keep a list of their phone numbers. If you can't meet their parents, call and talk to them. Ask what your children might do at their house and if they will be supervised.

- **Choose a safe house in your neighborhood.** Pick a neighbor's house where your children can go if they need help. Point out other places they can go for help, like stores, libraries, and police stations.
- **Teach children to settle arguments with words, not fists.** Role-play talking out problems, walking away from fist

fight, and what to do when confronted with bullies. Remind them that taunting and teasing can hurt friends and make enemies.

Work together with your neighbors. Watch out for suspicious and unusual behavior in your neighborhood. Get to know your neighbors and their children so you can look out for one another.

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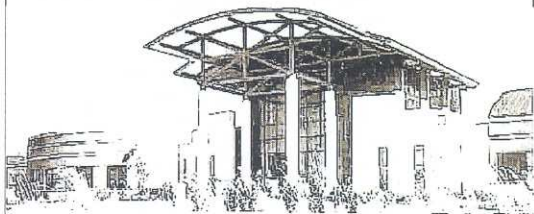
year that our nation pays tribute to the ultimate sacrifice made by officers who died in service to their communities."

The five drill team members that participated in the competition were South Precinct (and former Community Coordinator) Sergeant Chris

West and Officers James Boone, Ryan Catron, Bryan Doersam and Chad High. Drill Team members assisting in support roles were Lieutenant Ben Rodgers and Officers Jimmy Knight and Leonard Keeler.

The generosity of the 100 Club of Nashville made possible the purchase of the Drill and Ceremony team's special dress uniforms in 2006.





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Gun Locks Still Available

Gunlocks are still available to citizens free of charge on a first come, first served basis at the police department's six precinct stations.

The gunlocks are provided through a partnership with Project ChildSafe, the nationwide firearms safety education program that was developed by the National Shooting Sports Foundation. The program is supported by a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice.

"Anyone who has a firearm in the same home with a child should seriously consider getting one of these free gunlocks," Chief Serpas said. "Doing so might well prevent a tragic gun accident."

Gunlocks are available Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.



The following statistics represent the dedication and hard work of the officers of the South Precinct.

Year to Date stats:	YTD	Previous YTD	% Change
Felony Arrests	1,420	1,234	15%
Misdemeanor Arrests	3,394	2,411	41%
Citation Arrests	5,544	4,295	29%
Drug Equipment Arrests	948	661	43%
Narcotic Violations	1,283	1,044	23%
Weapon Violations	213	207	3%
Traffic Violations	20,710	21,312	-3%
Per. Injury Accidents	1,086	1,072	-3%
Total Traffic Accidents	4,082	3,981	3%

Source: Compstat Report ending 08/18/2007

Park Smart!

A review of stolen vehicle reports in Nashville listed in the chart below were easy targets because the keys were left inside or made available to thieves.



The police department's continuing PARK SMART campaign strongly urges citizens to lock their automobile doors, secure any valuables and REMOVE THE KEYS.

Officers also urge citizens to SHOP SMART by not leaving purses or other valuables unattended in shopping carts, even for a very short time. An unattended purse is an easy target for a thief.

